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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH INDONESIAN
AMBASSADOR

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1. UNDER SECRETARY HABIB MET WITH AMBASSADOR RUSMIN
NURYADIN JANUARY 21 AT LATTER'S REQUEST. ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DESIGNATE HOLBROOKE ALSO ATTENDED MEETING.
FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

2. INDONESIA AND THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. AMBASSADOR
RUSMIN, JUST BACK FROM CONSULTATION IN JAKARTA, MENTIONED
GOI CONCERN THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION MIGHT ACCORD LOWER
PRIORITY TO ASEAN AND INDONESIA. UNDER SECRETARY REPLIED
ALONG LINES HIS JANUARY 12 CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL
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MURDANI (PARA 4 REFTTEL), SUGGESTING THAT AMBASSADOR CON-
VEY THESE REASSURANCES TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS. AMBASSADOR SAID GOI WAS PLEASED WITH
THE DEPARTMENT-PREPARED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS RELEASED BY
CONGRESS LAST MONTH, BUT WAS STILL CONCERNED OVER U.S.
REACTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN INDONESIA. HABIB

NOTED THAT GOI HAD RECENTLY TAKEN SIGNIFICANT CONSTRUCTIVE

STEP IN THIS AREA WHICH HAD BEEN FAVORABLY RECEIVED IN U.S. IT WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW THAT INDONESIA CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS AREA AND CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE SENSITIVITY TO THE CONCERNS OF OTHERS. EMPHASIS GIVEN HUMAN RIGHTS IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS REFLECTED PRIME IMPORTANCE ACCORDED THIS ISSUE BY NEW ADMINISTRATION. UNDER SECRETARY OBSERVED IN THIS REGARD THAT TIMOR PROBLEM SEEMED TO HAVE RECEDED, ALTHOUGH IT STILL COULD REKINDLE CRITICAL ATTENTION. NOTING UPCOMING INDONESIAN ELECTIONS, HABIB OBSERVED THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE BEING HELD BECAUSE INDONESIA ITSELF WANTED THEM, FREE ELECTIONS WOULD ALSO HELP CREATE FAVORABLE IMAGE IN U.S.

4. IGGI MEETING. AMBASSADOR RUSMIN SAID GOI HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM DUTCH DEV ASSISTANCE MIN PRONK SUGGESTING FIRST WEEK OF APRIL FOR NEXT IGGI MEETING IN AMSTERDAM. GOI PLANNED TO HOLD MEETING OF AMBASSADORS FROM IGGI COUNTRIES IN JAKARTA IN EARLY MARCH FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF IGGI MATTERS. BY THAT TIME, INDONESIANS HOPED USG WOULD BE IN POSITION TO INDICATE WHAT ITS PROJECTED AID LEVELS WOULD BE. HABIB TOOK NOTE OF INDONESIAN REQUEST, SAID WE WOULD BE REVIEWING OUR POSITION IN COMING WEEKS AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY THROUGH EA BUREAU.

5. LAUNCH VEHICLE CAPABILITY. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HIS SECRET

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GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO GIVE INDONESIA SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN LAUNCH VEHICLES AND SOLID PROPELLANT ROCKETS. UNDER SECRETARY SAID ENTIRE QUESTION OF ARMS TRANSFERS WOULD BE REVIEWED BY NEW ADMINISTRATION WITH VIEW TO DEVELOPING GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES. TRANSFERS OF ADVANCED MILITARY TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS REVIEW. HE DID NOT WANT TO MISLEAD INDONESIANS, HOWEVER. NEW POLICY, HE BELIEVED, WOULD BE A "CONSERVATIVE" ONE.

6. AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT FOR INDONESIAN AIR FORCE. AMBASSADOR RUSMIN SAID GOI WAS CONSIDERING PROCUREMENT OF ONE SQUADRON F-5ES AND ONE SQUADRON T-34CS TO REPLACE OBSOLETE AIRCRAFT. NOT SURE YET HOW THEY WOULD BE FINANCED, BUT CASH PURCHASE WAS ONE POSSIBILITY. EVEN WITH CASH, HOWEVER, GOI WOULD LIKE ORDER TO BE PROCESSED THROUGH FMS. HE WONDERED HOW USG WOULD VIEW THIS PROCUREMENT. HABIB SAID WE WOULD BE PREPARED DISCUSS MATTER WITH GOI SOON AS INDONESIANS WERE READY. WHILE NEW

ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE SEEKING TIGHTER CONTROLS OVER ARMS TRANSFERS IN GENERAL, INDONESIAN PROCUREMENT OF F-5S SEEMED TO HIM TO BE WITHIN SENSIBLE BOUNDS AND WE WOULD HAVE OPEN MIND.

7. JOINT CONSULTATION. IN RESPONSE AMBASSADOR'S EX-
PRESSION OF HOPE THAT JOINT CONSULTATIONS COULD BE
SCHEDULED BEFORE LONG, UNDER SECRETARY SAID GOI COULD
BE ASSURED THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD WANT TO KEEP
UP SAME LEVEL OF DIALOGUE WITH INDONESIA AS ITS PRE-
DECESSOR BUT THAT WE WOULD NEED TIME TO WORK OUT THE
MODALITIES.

8. U.S. AND INDONESIA. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE
HOLBROOKE SAID WE REGARDED INDONESIA HIGHLY IN TERMS OF
PRIORITY AND ATTACHMENT. HE HAD HIMSELF VISITED
INDONESIA RECENTLY, HAD MANY INDONESIAN FRIENDS, AND
LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH INDONESIANS.

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